

Better Bevo Now Neighborhood Association
Membership Meeting
February 21, 2019
6:30 pm, Local 73 Firefighter's Hall (4271 Delor)

Board Members Present: Gwen Murray, Nick Dunne, Mary Hackett, Kristin Hoffman, Charlene Beck Panek, Kenya Webster, Kay Miller, David Tallent

Members in Attendance: 43

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

BBN Board Chair -- Gwen Murray opened her report with a call to ensure that all attendees sign in. Neighbors join the BBN by signing in to the meeting. Gwen then asked for any new members to be recognized, none present. The CID Happy Hour will be Feb 28 from 5-8p at Shot Heaven on Gravois. The Board is pursuing a garden lease with the City for the Butterfly Garden at 4557 Eichelberger. Gwen announced that the BBN Board approved entering into a contract with SLU Law School's Community Development Clinic for the purpose of identifying and abating nuisance properties in the neighborhood. \$1,500 of current bank account will soon be moved to a saving account as reserve funds. The Board approved the 2019 budget, Kristin will present, and expenditures including funds for the 2019 Family Playdates, equipment, holiday party catering, a limited number of block party permits, insurance and other operational fees, and administrative supplies. The budget was created using current available balance less the savings and other reserves, inflated expense estimates, and extremely conservative estimates of potential income. Capital fundraising will be a priority for 2019 and the Chair has begun seeking benefactors to raise funds, Gwen asked members for any recommendations for businesses in the area. BBN plans to create a Square store on its website for on-line purchases of BBN merchandise. The Bevo Bazzar-O will be held May 18, and vendor registration will be available soon. City Seniors is hosting a Trivia Night fundraiser Friday Feb 22 at 6p at Grbic on Keokuk. The next BBN family playdate is March 16 at City Seniors from 2 to 4p, please join. The CID is planning a Bevo Day street party which will be held on Saturday October 12 from 2-10p, there will be live music strolling entertainment, car show, fashion show, food/art/craft vendors – Gwen asked that any interested in helping reach out to her. The next Bevo Great Streets meetings will be March 19 and 22. The Great Streets team created a Mad Lib to help identify areas neighbors would like to see improved. More information is coming please keep an eye on emails, the BBN website, and social media for more information. Pat and Carol Schuchard wanted to address changes recently made to the operations of Das Bevo but were not able to attend the meeting because they were receiving an award for their work at Das Bevo. They plan to attend the March meeting, but are available for questions on social media and by phone.

The **Vice Chair** had no report.

Secretary – John Silwanus reported that meeting minutes from the Executive Committee and the Member Meeting will be posted on line for January. The minutes will be posted for each meeting for members to review if they miss a meeting.

Treasurer -- Kristin Hoffmann presented the Board approved 2019 Budget and Expenditures. The budget will be attached to the end of the meeting minutes for February.

Neighborhood Watch -- David Tallent reported he is actively cataloguing all security cameras in the neighborhood. The goal is to help provide police with access to cameras and which will assist police in finding perpetrators who commit crimes. If you or a neighbor has a camera and are willing to share the footage with police please contact David with this information.

Block Captain – Nick Dunne reported the first Block Captain meeting February 5 was a success. All neighbors are encouraged to attend these meetings whether or not you are a block captain. The next meeting will be announced soon. The newly approved budget included funds for 1st time block party registration. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Nick for details. The next Block Blitz will be March 30 from 1-3p and is expected to be on either Delor or Wilcox at Ridgeview. More details coming soon.

Court Advocacy – Kristin Hoffmann reported that the shooting on Ellenwood at Morganford is still under investigation. She will be sending out more information when she has it. 2 civilians were arrested and an officer fired his gun.

Victim Support – Kay Miller – had no report.

13th Ward Alderperson – Beth Murphy reported the Board of Alderman are out of session until April 15th. The ash trees on Bates with ash borer disease were cut down and many have been replaced. Beth is working to get more in before the growing season. The house on the 3900 block of Schiller has been demolished. She expects 2 more to be done in 2019. The speed study for that block of Schiller is underway, but has not yielded any results yet. Beth stated if 80% of the owners on Schiller request speed humps she will install the humps despite any potential study results. The café on Delor, Café Ruong, will start business soon. Habitat for Humanity is building a house on Ulena, this will be the 4th in the 13th Ward. Beth is pursuing a fence at the playground in Christy to prevent children from running into the street. Beth is still trying to contact the owner of Delfino's on Gustine and Delor, but he has not responded. The State of Missouri has taken over the investigation of Adventure Learning Center on Gravois. There have been \$1.1 million in permit requests in the Ward, a major improvement. The Board of Alderman has determined that a committee will look into SLATE.

14th Ward Alderperson – Carol Howard reported that it is pothole season, please inform the CSB if you see any potholes develop. A Rally's fast food restaurant has entered a contract for the lot at Chippewa and Morganford. A Planet Fitness and neighborhood grocery are under contract to take over the former Shop and Save at Chippewa and Kingshighway. Garcia Properties has purchased the old YWCA and plans to turn it into 20 apartments. The plaza at

Morganford and Gannett has been torn down, the owner, Pace Properties, has agreed to maintain the lot. The Historical Preservation Society is reviewing a building at Morganford and Ellenwood, the new owner is looking to tear it down. There have been no new State applications from the developers who wanted to open a methadone clinic on Gravois.

St Louis Police -- Officer Wilson requested that any willing neighbor share the locations of private security cameras. This has been invaluable in helping to identify and investigate crimes in the neighborhood. Officer Wilson reminded members that he is constantly looking at derelict automobiles, if you see one please contact him.

Missouri 81st District Representative – Steve Butz provided his cell phone number to attending members. The legislative session began in January, but residents are welcome to tour the capital any time and he gives an impressive tour. Missouri is the only state in the Union to not have PDMP. This will help bring Missouri in line with the rest of the country. Steve is also very proud of the Human Trafficking Bill that just passed. MO had a loophole regarding arrests of young girls. If arrested and removed from a human trafficking ring, the girl's record will be expunged. Steve is planning to host a Pints and Politics event soon to discuss Better Together and the Soccer stadium proposal. He will likely hold it at the Feasting Fox.

New Business –BBN attempted to provide a forum for the candidates for the 14th Ward , but was unable to garner 100% participation. In lieu of a structured forum, BBN allowed both candidates three minutes to address attending members. Both took the opportunity to speak.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.